

**OFFICE OF THE APPELLATE DEFENDER
REPORT TO THE MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION**

JULY 2007

We have taken in 13 new appeals within the office this month and have contracted out 5 other new appeals to contract attorneys. Two of these appeals are dependent/neglect appeals which we have kept within our office. Total of 18 new appeals received in June.

As of 7/20/2007 we have filed 5 opening briefs, this number is low because the paralegal who formats and proofs all briefs was on vacation for the first two weeks of July. Estimate of an additional 9 briefs to be filed by the end of July.

14 Briefs filed in June (7 were opening briefs – 5 reply briefs – 2 Anders briefs) (2 of these briefs were dependent/neglect briefs).

15 Briefs filed in May (7 were opening briefs – 7 reply briefs – 1 Anders brief) (1 brief was a dependent/neglect).

Briefs filed within ADO Office
(This number is accurate)

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| 08/2006 | 5 |
| 09/2006 | 5 |
| 10/2006 | 12 |
| 11/2006 | 15 |
| 12/2006 | 10 |
| 01/2007 | 14 |
| 02/2007 | 12 |
| 03/2007 | 14 |
| 04/2007 | 18 |
| 05/2007 | 15 |
| 06/2007 | 14 |

There are currently 205 appellate cases open in the ADO. (Within ADO 144 cases; contract open cases 47; conflict open 14; closed cases 48.)